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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING

REF: JAKARTA 9103; SEOUL 5304

1. AGREE WITH EMBASSY JAKARTA COMMENT THAT AS PRESENTLY FORMULATED ASEAN IDEA NOT AS PROMISING AS WE MIGHT WISH. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES WE SHOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ANY INITIATIVE WHICH MAY HELP TOLIMIT CONSENSUS SUPPORTING NORTH KOREAN LANGUAGE AT NAM.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE ENCOURAGE FONMIN TO DEVELOP IDEA MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE APPRECIATE ASEAN PROPOSED INITIATIVE AND WISH GOI TO KNOW THAT WE AND OTHERS IN KOREA CORE GROUP WILL BE MAKING APPROACHES PRIOR TO NAM URGING NON-ALIGNED TO

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ATTEMPT AVOID ACTION AT NAM WHICH WOULD RESULT IN CONFRONT-

ATION AND STERILE DEBATE ON KOREA QUESTION IN UNGA.

(B) WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT GOI WILL WORK ACTIVELY TO
REFINE IDEA WITH OTHER ASEAN STATES.

(C) WE ALSO HOPE THAT INDONESIA AND OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS,
WHATEVER OUTCOME OF THEIR INITIATIVE AT NAM, WILL NOT
ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE LOCKED IN TO ANY HOSTILE NAM
POSITION ON KOREA AND THAT THEY SIMILARLY URGE OTHER
NON-ALIGNED AT NAM TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF NAM
CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREAN POSITION.

(D) WE HOPE GOI AND OTHER ASEAN STATES WILL TAKE STAND
AT NAM THAT GROUP SHOULD NOT ENDORSE ANY POSITION WHICH
ATTEMPTS TO EXCLUDE ROK FROM DISCUSSION OF SECURITY
SITUATION IN KOREAN PENINSULA OR WHICH WOULD CALL FOR
TERMINATION OF UN COMMAND PRIOR TO AGREED ARRANGEMENTS
TO MAINTAIN PEACE ON THE PENINSULA.

3. FOR SEOUL: EMBASSY MAY BRIEF FONOFF ON INFORMATION
IN STATE 169767 AND REF A. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT
WHILE ASEAN CONCEPT IS LIMITED ONE IT MAY PROVE USEFUL,
AND THAT WE ARE ENCOURAGING IT DISCREETLY WITH GOI,
BUT BELIEVE WE AND ROK SHOULD ALLOW ASEAN COUNTRIES TO
DEVELOP IDEA SOMEWHAT FURTHER BEFORE WE MAKE SUPPORTIVE
APPROACHES TO ASEAN STATES. KISSINGER

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